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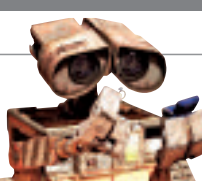
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Stampede lottery prizes total \$1.7 million
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Alberta's coffers full

\$4.6 billion surplus above expectations

By **JEFF CUMMINGS**
Metro Edmonton

Alberta is continuing to roll in the dough as it ended the 2007-2008 fiscal year with \$4.6 billion in surplus cash thanks to record oil prices and a booming population.

Despite record spending and a \$9 billion surplus last year, this fiscal year's surplus is \$550 million more than what the Tory government predicted this spring when it released the 2008 budget.

And there would have been even more extra cash if it wasn't for flat natural gas prices, a soaring Canadian dollar and a drop in Crown land lease sales, said Alberta Finance Minister Iris Evans at a news conference yesterday.

"Our revenues have changed very little over the last year with very little growth — they've been quite

savings fund

» While critics say the government is spending more rather than saving for the future, Evans says the province's Heritage Savings Trust Fund has reached a record value of \$17 billion despite an \$827 million hit because of a few difficult investments. The government has put nearly \$4 billion into the fund over the last three years. "In Alberta, we are reliant on luck more than anything else," said Alberta Liberal finance critic Laurie Blakeman about the Tory government's financial planning. "(People on the street) really believe we are not saving enough money, they are really concerned about that."

flat for the last three years."

The government will follow its own policy by putting one third of its surplus into savings and the rest into capital construction projects Evans says are badly needed because of the province's growth.



Marketing beats

Guitarist Kurt Loewen, 24, and bassist Brian Maude, 23, of Buena Buena take a break from their western Canadian tour to belt out some block rockin' funky beats at Eau Claire Market. They will be playing in Calgary July 24 at the Distillery.

Stampede vendors A-OK: CHR

By **KRISTA SYLVESTER**
Metro Calgary

With only three complaints out of 1.2 million visitors, the Calgary Health Region wants to clear the air they aren't too worried about the Calgary Stampede's food practices.

Chad Beegan, co-ordinator of environmental health for CHR, told Metro reports from other media that 97 per cent of vendors had complaints last year were incorrect.

"Some vendors had multiple infractions, but some had none at all," Beegan said, noting many of the 589 infractions out of 606 inspections were minor. "The numbers just don't add up to 97 per cent."

The CHR expects lower numbers of infractions this year due to new regulation requiring vendors to log hot and cold storing temperatures.

Calgary Stampede spokesperson Doug Fraser said it welcomes the guidance of the CHR, and the Stampede takes the health of their visitors very seriously.

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local

Stampede Breakfasts are for the dogs, too. This Sunday marks the 2nd Annual Alberta Dog Guide Services Kibble and Griddle breakfast and dog walk at North Glenmore Park, Snowy Owl Site between 9 a.m. and noon.

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Stampede prizes at \$1.7M

Fundraiser lottery 'greatly' increases potential winnings

By ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary

Along with this year's "bigger and better" Stampede comes a bigger and better Stampede Home Lottery, with a chance to win a Harley, house, car, or a ton of cash.

"The difference here is that we've greatly increased the prize value," said Jack Green, chairman of the Stampede Lottery. Adding \$50,000 to the cash prize, the \$300,000 award is something one lucky winner will be saying "yahoo!" about, though the second prize of \$50,000 is not to be overlooked. The prizes total \$1.7 million.

Of course, since it is the "home lottery," the 2,392 square foot Homes by Avia abode is something everyone wants to get their lassos around.

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Norah Oberhofer, 20, with sister Meryl, 18, show off the 2008 Rotary Dream Home, along with a pair of 105th anniversary Harley-Davidson motorcycles – one of the many prizes at the Calgary Stampede Lotteries with a total value of over \$1.7 million.

flooring downstairs and carpeting up, the house includes two plasma televisions and the appliances. Whoever snags this beauty will enjoy a three-bedroom house with two fireplaces, one in the master bedroom that fea-

tures an in-suite bathroom, and a place to call home that's already decorated tastefully enough that it begs classy yet funky decoration.

Green says the public response has always been great, and they're hoping to

raise \$1.5 to \$1.7 million for charities of each service club's choosing.

"It helps a lot of people," Green said.

For more information go to www.calgarystampede.lotteries.ca.

Vote on pesticide ban expected to be close

Green, weed-free lawns might look nice, but they come at too high of a societal cost, according to a group of concerned Calgarians urging city council to move forward on a cosmetic pesticide phase-out.

Coalition for a Healthy Calgary's Robin McLeod said while she thinks it's going to be a close vote today as the city's utilities and environment committee moves towards a full cosmetic pesticide ban by 2010 and one that has dragged on for 15 years, she's hopeful of a "positive result this time."

"We need to only bring out that arsenal when it counts

and that's when there's a public health threat or a threat to the environment," said McLeod at a Riley Park press conference yesterday, adding pesticides could be used to battle mosquito-borne West Nile virus, but not for simply making lawns "aesthetically pleasing."

Calgary-Mountain View MLA David Swann said if Calgary moves forward with the ban, it could provide a wake-up call for the province, and if not, he plans on taking it to his Liberal caucus to consider drafting a provincial bill on the matter.

NEIL MACKINNON/METRO CALGARY

»news In Brief

» **IDENTIFIED** The 74-year-old Calgarian woman hit by a Jeep on June 20 in a crosswalk at 6th Avenue and 3rd Street SW has been identified by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner as Elsie Mazur. She died later in hospital as a result of injuries sustained in the collision.

» **IDENTIFIED** The biker killed

after colliding with a heavy-duty tow truck last Saturday has been identified. Bryon Dyke, 37 of Calgary was killed when struck in a crosswalk at 11 Ave and 1 St SW at approximately 12:50 on June 21. Dyke was pronounced dead at the scene.

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Women's health at conference forefront

By ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary

Today is the first of five days where over 700 women's health experts from around the world will meet down at the Telus Convention Centre to discuss recent advances, and perhaps backslides, in women's healthcare.

"(This) allows health professionals to hone their skills and pick up new knowledge," said Mike Haymes from the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada (SOGC).

The 64th Annual Clinical Meeting of SOGC will feature the 10th annual International

Women's Health Symposium that focuses on fighting the battle that six million women and newborns lose each year when they die during childbirth. Several hundred are expected to the event as it is open to the public.

« *The final goal is that these kinds of educational events filter through to improved care for women.* »

SOGC's Mike Haymes

technologies, and women's overall health, discussions about the rising C-section rate and the soon-to-be-available "morning after" pill.

"The final goal is that these kinds of educational events filter through to improved care for women," Haymes said.

No weapons in prisons

By NEIL MACKINNON
Metro Calgary

Alberta prison guards must be some awfully smooth talkers.

While Nova Scotia moved yesterday to arm their guards with pepper spray and batons while ruling out TASERS, don't expect that in Alberta prisons any time soon, if ever, according to the Alberta Solicitor General's office.

Only a select staff in Alberta's eight adult population prisons, which hold 2,800 of-

fenders, are allowed to carry even pepper spray — those who are trained in emergency response or who deal with high risk prisoners or are on regular outside escort duty, said Christine Skjerve of the solicitor general's office, adding batons and TASERS are out of the question.

"We don't plan on introducing them, either, we just don't see a need."

The rest of Alberta's guards, while trained in a variety of techniques, are regu-

larly expected to verbally diffuse dangerous situations, and if that fails, they can call in a tactical team who are authorized to dole out blasts of pepper spray until the threat subsides, said Skjerve, noting pepper spray was used 115 times in 2007-08.

"We don't carry weapons, and in a way, it's safer because weapons are more likely to be used against you than in your favour," said a former Calgary remand centre guard on a condition of anonymity.

oil leak

Gleniffer Lake to reopen tomorrow

CLEANUP After being closed for over a week due to an oil leak, Gleniffer Lake is reopening tomorrow after the cleanup is completed.

But drinking water will still be off-limits, according to the province.

Between 125 and 200 barrels of oil leaked into the Red Deer River last week, a popular area for visitors 130 kilometres north of Calgary.

traffic

Road crews testing bridges for repairs

COMING WEEKS City roads crews will be testing bridge decks for concrete corrosion resulting from environmental wear and traffic use tear — as well as chlorides and moisture — in the coming weeks, to determine next year's rehabilitation projects, including the Centre Street Bridge and the 16 Ave. NW Bridge over the Bow River.

With the intention to lessen the blow to traffic, all testing will be done in off-peak hours and temporary lane closures will only last four hours at a time.

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Record births Cheaper by the dozen



Some of the first images of the Calgary Zoo's 24 Vancouver Island Marmot pups, whose births surpass the zoo's birth record of 20, were obtained yesterday by Metro. The pups are being raised at the Devonian Wildlife Conservation Centre.

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Ontario's Special Investigations Unit, a civilian agency that investigates incidents involving police in which people are killed, is now investigating the death of a man who was Tasered.

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Boudreau a no show

Mother facing murder charges not in court

By ROBYN YOUNG
Metro Halifax

Penny Boudreau was a no-show for her second scheduled court appearance yesterday in Bridgewater, N.S., even after the Crown prosecutor specifically requested her presence.

Crown Attorney Paul Scovil said that "given the nature of the charge" he wants the public to remember she's innocent until proven guilty.

"Particularly these things that are of high public profile," Scovil told reporters outside the Bridgewater courthouse. He wouldn't elaborate further. Boudreau, 33, is accused of killing her 12-year-old daughter Karissa Boudreau. She was charged with first-degree murder in the girl's death on Jun. 13.

court

» The next court date, to be Boudreau's preliminary inquiry, is set for July 15.

The court granted the woman's defence lawyer, Pat Atherton, a request to appear on his client's behalf yesterday, but the Halifax lawyer would not answer any questions from the media as to why Boudreau did not appear. She has yet to enter a plea.

Toronto Breastfeeding friendly



Nine-month-old Elora Yuen holds up a "Breastfeeding Friendly" sign in front of Carol-Lynne D'Arcangelis and her 14-month-old daughter Marlena at the Commensal Vegetarian Restaurant in Toronto yesterday. The city of Toronto has distributed 6,100 "Breastfeeding Anytime Anywhere" decals that restaurants can display on their door to help nursing mothers identify which restaurants are breastfeeding friendly.

MARK BUNCH/REUTERS

» news In Brief

» **PRISON** Halifax prison guards will get to use pepper spray and batons when transporting prisoners starting this Fall, the Nova Scotia justice department ruled yesterday, following recent escapes.

» **DOGS** At least two sources of poison may have been used to kill two dogs and sicken four others in a Toronto city park, police said yesterday, as they warned dog owners to keep their dogs away.

» **NATIVES** The federal government has shot down a Manitoba First Nation's bylaw intended to curb drug abuse on the reserve, but aboriginal leaders say they may ignore Ottawa. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

green shift

Canadians want leader debate: Poll

TELEVISION An overwhelming majority of Canadians, over 70 per cent, want to see Stéphane Dion and Prime Minister Stephen Harper square off in a televised debate on the Liberals' proposal for a carbon tax, a new poll shows.

"Canadians appear to be ready to see Harper and Dion discussing policy away of the confines of the House of Commons, and this might help Dion," said Mario Canseco, director of global studies for Angus Reid Strategies.

Dion unveiled his party's widely anticipated "green shift" strategy last week and at the time, offered to take on Harper in a national debate on environmental issues "at any time."

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Accused placed at terror camp

Witness claims
defendant visited
facility in Pakistan



money handed over

» Babar testified that when Khawaja returned to Lahore from the camp he handed over an undisclosed amount of Canadian money half of which was to go to the poor and the other half to the "brothers."

Alleged terrorist Mohammad Momin Khawaja returned from a Pakistani training camp excited about having fired machine guns and a rocket launcher, a court was told today.

The Ottawa software developer went to Afghanistan in July 2003 to attend a training camp set up in a mountainous region of Pakistan near the Afghanistan border where he fired an AK-47 assault rifle, rocket propelled grenade and a light machine gun, Crown witness Mohammed Junaid Babar testified.

"He was excited and he enjoyed it," said Babar in describing Khawaja's demeanor when he returned

to Lahore after about three or four days at the camp.

Khawaja went to the camp with Omar Khyam, a ring-leader in the failed London

« **He was excited and he enjoyed it** »

Mohammed Junaid Babar

bombing plot, for which Khawaja is an accused participant.

Earlier, the judge reviewed complaints that Babar's evidence was hearsay.

After Justice Douglas Rutherford ruled he would weigh the value of the evidence later, Babar continued to testify about people in-

involved in jihad-related matters from the United Kingdom to Pakistan.

Khawaja, 29, who once worked as a contract employee for the Department of Foreign Affairs, is accused of building detonators that were intended for use in blowing up a London nightclub and strategic infrastructure sites.

He pleaded not guilty to the seven terror-related offences.

Babar, 33, is a key figure in a failed London bombing plot, which was hatched between November 2003 and March 2004.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES

\$100,000 reward in slayings

Ottawa police
seeking leads

By TIM WIECLAWSKI
Metro Ottawa

Nearly a year after the triple murder of an Ottawa tax judge, his wife and their neighbour, city police yesterday offered a \$100,000 reward in a bid to spur new leads into the case.

Family members of all three victims — judge Alban Garon, his wife Raymonde and neighbour Marie-Claire Beniskos — attended the police announcement yesterday,



Ottawa Police Staff-Sgt. Monique Perras announced yesterday that a \$100,000 reward is now being offered to anyone with information that leads to arrest in a 2007 triple slaying.

nearly a year after the June 30, 2007, discovery of the victims' bound and beaten bodies in the Garons' condominium at Unit 1002,

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world



U.S. radio personality Don Imus, left, yesterday defended linking football player Adam "Pacman" Jones' race to brushes with the police as Imus tried to dampen a controversy over remarks he made one day earlier. CBS Radio fired Imus in April 2007 for making a racially derogatory comment. **REUTERS**

Suicide mars Sarkozy exit

Soldier shoots self as French leader leaves Israel

An Israeli guard on the perimeter of a farewell airport ceremony for French President Nicolas Sarkozy shot himself dead yesterday, causing a security stir but not endangering the visiting leader, police said.

Bodyguards rushed Sarkozy and his wife to their plane and whisked Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and President Shimon Peres toward armoured cars on the tarmac.

"This was in no way an assassination attempt," police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said, calling the incident a suicide.

The two Israeli leaders later returned to the aircraft to bid the Sarkozys goodbye after it

splitting Jerusalem

» The main event of Sarkozy's visit was his address on Monday to Israel's parliament, in which he called for an end to the expansion of Jewish settlements in the West Bank and for Israel and a future Palestine each to have a capital in Jerusalem.

was established that the incident was over and posed no threat. The plane then took off.

Rosenfeld said the guard who shot himself was a paramilitary policeman assigned to a security patrol at the airport.

During his three-day state visit, Sarkozy repeatedly put himself forward as a possible broker of peace between Israel and the Palestinians, using his support among Israelis to mend ties and nudge them towards a peace deal. **REUTERS**



France's first lady Carla Bruni-Sarkozy, top, reacts after hearing a shot, on the staircase of the presidential plane at Ben Gurion international airport near Tel Aviv, Israel, yesterday. **GIL COHEN MAGEN/REUTERS**

Mugabe defies critics

Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe defied mounting pressure yesterday from both inside and outside Africa to call off Friday's presidential election, saying he had a legal obligation to go ahead.

Both Senegalese President Abdoulaye Wade and South African ruling ANC leader Jacob Zuma said the presidential run-off must be postponed

after opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai withdrew from the vote and fled to the Dutch embassy in Harare. But Mugabe shrugged off the pressure.

"The West can scream all it wants. Elections will go on. Those who want to recognize our legitimacy can do so, those who don't want, should not," Mugabe told a rally in western Zimbabwe. **REUTERS**

« The West can scream all it wants. Elections will go on »

Robert Mugabe

» news In Brief

» **OBAMA** Two weeks after his wife ended her White House bid, former Democratic President Bill Clinton offered a faint voice of support for Barack Obama — through a spokesman.

» **ATTACK** Afghan police backed by NATO air strikes killed 14 Taliban insurgents after the militants attacked a small town

in eastern Afghanistan, the Interior Ministry said yesterday.

» **CHURCH** The Vatican defended the late archbishop Paul Marcinkus, the head of the Vatican Bank whose tenure was marred by financial scandal, from media reports yesterday that he ordered the killing of a 15-year-old girl in 1983. **REUTERS**

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Brazil seizes cattle

Crackdown aimed
at saving forest

Brazil seized thousands of head of cattle in the Amazon as part of a crackdown on illegal farming and logging, which fuels destruction of the world's largest rain forest, the environment minister said yesterday.

The announcement follows growing international concern over rising deforestation rates and the resignation last month of the former minister Marina Silva, who was widely seen as a guardian of the Amazon.

Brazil's powerful farmers, who are riding a global commodity boom, are likely to

contest increased controls.

Police and agents from the environmental protection agency IBAMA impounded about 10,000 head of cattle on illegally deforested land in the state of Rondonia. Last week they expropriated a 3,500-strong herd in the state of Para.

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**Taliban
pulls out**
Withdrawal from
Pakistani town

Pakistani Taliban militants began withdrawing from a northwestern town yesterday after capturing it the previous day in a bloody clash with rivals, a government official said.

Militants loyal to Taliban commander Baitullah Mehsud seized the town of Jandola, on the main road into the South Waziristan ethnic Pashtun tribal region on the Afghan border.

At least 12 people, most of them members of the pro-government Bitani tribe, were killed.

The fighting follows government attempts to end violence by Mehsud through talks despite concerns from the U.S., which says negotiations and peace deals give militants a free hand to plot attacks.

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Hong Kong **Plea for Lee**



A visitor poses in front of a statue of the late martial arts star Bruce Lee in Hong Kong yesterday. Fans of Lee urged the local government to buy Lee's old home, now being used as a motel, and convert it into a museum.

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Bush pledges typhoon aid

U.S. President George W. Bush yesterday pledged U.S. help to Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo in the aftermath of a typhoon, saying he was sending an aircraft carrier to aid in the relief effort.

Bush, after White House talks with Arroyo, expressed condolences for victims of

Typhoon Fengshen, which hit over the weekend. Hopes were fading for around 800 people still missing after a ferry capsized in huge waves.

"I know there are families that are hurting, some are wondering whether or not their loved ones will reappear," Bush told reporters.

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Grad **Jobless**

Joshua Persky, a financial engineer who lost his job in the volatile banking industry six months ago, stands in front of the Charles Schwab building in New York City with a sign explaining his situation. Persky says standing on a corner passing out resumes beats networking and writing e-mails.

Price of education

Students carrying heavy loan load

Cash-strapped students will increasingly tap the Canada Student Loan Program to fund post-secondary studies over the next 25 years, even though the total number of students enrolling in college or university is forecast to decline over that period, says a new report.

increasing need

» Tuition fees are "the primary source" fuelling the need for student loans. Average tuition fees are expected to jump from \$5,800 in 2007-08 to \$19,000 in 2031-32.

Post-secondary enrolment is expected to shrink as growing numbers of youth join the work force early.

Those pursuing college or university will rely more on student loans because their expenses will outpace their resources, the Actuarial Report on the Canada Student Loan Program said.

It forecasts the total amount of new loans issued will swell to \$2.9 billion in 2031-32, up from \$1.9 billion in 2006-07.

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Refinery backer wins creditor protection

A company proposing a \$4.6 billion refinery on Canada's East Coast has won protection from creditors, allowing it to devise a restructuring plan that may include selling assets or bringing in new partners, one of its owners said yesterday.

Newfoundland's Supreme Court granted a request by Newfoundland and Labrador Refining Corp. to block a bid by a unit of SNC-Lavalin

Group to have the firm declared bankrupt, said Altius Minerals, which owns 39.6 per cent of the refinery developer. NLRC wants to build a 300,000 barrel a day refinery on the province's southeast coast, and has its environmental approvals in hand.

But it was hampered in its ability to attract financing after credit markets tightened following the U.S. subprime crisis.

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» **PAYDAY** New Democrat industry critic Peggy Nash says legislation to regulate payday loans has a loophole that allows lenders to skirt the rules by attracting borrowers over the Internet from provinces with tougher laws.

» **MEETING** Biovail Corp.'s shareholders will know today whether they have plotted a course that could dramatically

change the future of Canada's biggest publicly traded drugmaker. The shareholders, who have seen the stock plunge 45 per cent in the past four years, could vote for a new slate of directors floated by founder Eugene Melnyk, or they may stay the course with the incumbent slate and a radical shift in strategy.

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wireless auction

Value of bids surpasses \$4B

PREDICTED Total bids surpassed \$4 billion this week in an auction of wireless airwaves, more than double what most observers initially predicted when the auction began in late May.

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The Tampa Bay Lightning named Barry Melrose, left, as the team's new head coach yesterday. Melrose, who most recently was an analyst for ESPN, is a former coach of the Los Angeles Kings.

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Coaches change attitude

Stamps 'in this together': Armour

By **DAN TOTH**
for Metro Calgary

Among the many changes at McMahon Stadium this season is a noticeable attitude adjustment under a rebuilt coaching staff and a slew of new players on defence.

One of those newcomers, Calgary Stampeders line-backer JoJuan Armour, is relishing his role in a revamped defence courtesy new co-ordinator Chris Jones.

"Instead of him being the boss and us being the workers, we're all in this together," said Armour, 31, whose Stamps host the B.C. Lions in their CFL season opener tomorrow at 8 p.m.

"It's been intense and coach Jones is an intense coach but the best thing is that he explains to us why we run a certain defence, who's supposed to contain and why he calls a certain defence. That attitude from him is the best thing I've ever had from a coach, to be able to understand his thinking and it helps us to

prepare.

"I've never had a coach who explained his rationale for calling certain plays and I think that's the biggest advantage we have here now, just knowing what the coach is thinking."

Armour was acquired as a free agent in the off-season to fortify a defence that was among the worst in the CFL last season.

Entering his fifth CFL campaign, Armour joined the league with the B.C. Lions in 2004 before playing two seasons with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. He was a late-



Armour

round draft pick of the NFL's Oakland Raiders in 1999.

"I've never experienced that before from a coach at any level of football," said Armour, who teaches in the off-season back home in Toledo, Ohio, and intends to one day become a football coach.

"When I become a football coach I'll do that, too, because it helps you connect with the coach and helps you prepare with so many positives. There are no negatives."

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» For more on the Stamps, please visit metronews.ca.

CFL needs a banner season

Another CFL season kicks off tomorrow night, which excites us because we enjoy the league and have cared about its welfare for decades. But let's tell it like it is.

The CFL hasn't provided much entertainment for years. Take it from a guy who hasn't missed more than five or six games in 15 years: The CFL ain't what it used to be.

Scoring has decreased substantially, as have big plays and playmakers such as Doug Flutie, Jeff Garcia and Allen Pitts.

Unless you're fond of defence, the CFL has come up short since 2000. And with the NFL threatening to invade Toronto this simply must be a banner year for Canadian football.

Unfortunately, there aren't many new faces inspiring excessive enthusiasm. There's certainly been the usual off-season recycling, though. The Saskatchewan Roughriders dealt quarterback/MVP Kerry Joseph to the Argonauts. The Edmonton Eskimos acquired the Argos' veteran kicker, Noel Prefontaine, after Toronto reacquired Mike Vanderjagt, who wore out his NFL welcome. And Bob O'Billovich moved from his front-office position with the B.C. Lions to become the newest general manager of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

And there will be four



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new head coaches, although the Montreal Alouettes' Marc Trestman is the only true greenhorn. Rich Stubler and Ken Miller were promoted from their assistant coaching positions in Toronto and Saskatchewan, respectively. And John Hufnagel, an offensive guru who was a CFL QB and assistant coach in the 1980s and 1990s, replaces the fired Tom Higgins as the Calgary Stampeders' head coach.

Higgins is the CFL's new officiating supervisor, which is confusing since he never seemed to understand the league's rules in the first place. But let's refrain from picking on Higgins. For now.

For the record, I like the Stamps to win the Grey Cup and I think Calgary QB Henry Burris will be the CFL's top player.

But I'll have a thorough CFL preview tomorrow in the first 2008 instalment of my weekly CFL Report, exclusively at www.metronews.ca.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

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- » **TENNIS** Aleksandra Wozniak of Blainville, Que., defeated Ukraine's Mariya Koryttseva 7-5, 6-4 yesterday at Wimbledon to advance to the second round for the first time. In other action, Venus Williams beat British wildcard Naomi Cavaday 7-6, 6-1.
- » **NHL** The Toronto Maple Leafs shook up their roster yesterday, waiving backup goaltender

Andrew Raycroft and forward Kyle Wellwood. The team is also reportedly set to buy out the remainder of winger Darcy Tucker's contract.

» **NHL** Anaheim Ducks owner Henry Samueli was suspended indefinitely from any involvement with the team and the NHL by commissioner Gary Bettman yesterday.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Lowry steps in as new head coach of Hitmen

By **LAURENCE HEINEN**
for Metro Calgary

For three seasons, Kelly Kisio has had the luxury of working side-by-side with the new coach of the Calgary Hitmen.

Yesterday, Kisio announced he was stepping aside as coach of the Hitmen to concentrate on his duties as the Western Hockey League squad's general manager and that Dave Lowry would step in as the new head coach.

"At the end of the day, I think it's probably time," said Kisio in regards to stepping away from his four-year stint as bench boss of the Hitmen and handing the reins over to Lowry, who spent two years as an assistant before taking on the title of associate head coach this past season.



ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

Dave Lowry will take over the head coaching reins of the Calgary Hitmen.

"I know Dave, he's ready," Kisio continued. "He's a good coach now. He's going to be a great coach. I think he's going to be an NHL coach down the line."

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» For more on the Hitmen, please visit metronews.ca.

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The dirt on laundry rooms

Small spaces don't need to be confining

The traditional laundry room, tucked away in a remote location of the home (hiding from view all of your dirty laundry) can now be aired out and shown off.

Condo dwellers rejoice!

Jeff James, design consultation manager at Wen-Di Interiors in Calgary says he specifies stackable washer and dryer units quite often, but if the room permits he uses a side-by-side set of front-loading units with a countertop above and 13-inch manufacturers' pedestals below.

He notes the pedestals "ac-

tually provide a lot of extra storage."

A third appliance option James offers is a two-in-one washer and dryer unit, which just as the name implies, washes and dries all in one unit occupying half the amount of space typically needed. He claims the appliances he has used take the wrinkle out of smaller laundry room spaces, but others give the dual appliances mixed reviews.

With technology constantly improving, doing laundry is getting much quieter, Sandy Wahl from Trail Appliances says, allowing ap-

pliances to reside in kitchens or centrally-located closets instead of a hidden location.

But, it's not all about the appliances. You must accessorize, accessorize, accessorize!

"If space permits (install a) sorting station — laundry

« But it's not all about the appliances. You must accessorize, accessorize, accessorize! »

bins for colours, whites, darks, bedding, towels, a folding station, laundry sink, hooks for extra

storage or hanging (and) storage for unused seasonal clothing/shoes," says Tanya Stewart, project manager at Platinum Properties Group Corp. "Utilize as much vertical space as possible." Float-



The key to laundry room storage, says Tanya Stewart of Platinum Properties Group, is to utilize as much vertical space as possible. Having vertical stack laundry appliances, like on the left, will work better.

ing shelves, radios mounted under shelves or cabinets, and fold-down Murphy-style ironing boards are a few ways she says homeowners can arrange things vertically.

The general consensus on lighting is to avoid fluorescent types, while still illuminating the space enough to appear airy and assist in the room's functionality for stain removing, ironing or folding.

Flooring may not seem important in laundry rooms; you know the basics, put in a

hard surface, have a drain and — voilà — floor done. But, it can be advantageous to upgrade what's under your feet because the area is small and therefore the cost insignificant.

Function can be pretty, so put up pictures, drapes, shelves or whatever works for the room. James prefers using chocolate-coloured wicker baskets to organize rather than Tupperware pieces for detergent and spray storage. He reasons

that the softness of the baskets lends a consistent, yet warm feeling, rather than an "industrial" one. Thiessen says, "You may also use shelving to cover up any piping in your laundry room," as a way to merge form and function.

Laundry is a fact of life whether you love it or hate it. By making the room more inviting and organized — even if it's small, you can make the task feel a little less tedious.

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Don't forget to bring your ID

New rules apply to both buyers and sellers

By ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary

Buying a home in Calgary is not only expensive; it just became a lot more complicated.

As of Monday, a federal law came into place that requires both buyers and sellers to show numerous pieces of personal identification to realtors, and agents must also track the source of funds during the course of a real estate transaction.

Sharie Rideout, a realtor with RE/MAX Real Estate in Calgary, said she found out at

her Monday morning meeting, and wasn't at all prepared for the change.

"Lawyers have to get ID before the transaction is signed.

"So why are we doing it twice?" she said, adding that although she finds it an unnecessary hassle, they're required to report anyone who refuses.

It leaves the realtors with a lot more work, she said, especially since even husbands and wives have to fill out separate forms, and corporations must be pulled from the Alberta registry to find out who their shareholders are.

She does expect complaints, but it's new enough that she hasn't heard any yet.

The other catch is that everything must be witnessed, so out-of-province transactions must have an agent present to see the ID in person.

The new law is in place to deter money laundering and terrorist financing, and in transactions where only buyer or seller is represented, not both, the law still applies to both parties.

Ed Jensen of the Calgary Real Estate Board who agrees with the law, said that the information will be kept private.

"We've got Canadian troops down in Afghanistan fighting on our behalf; the only thing we have to do is see ID," he said.

Pooling solar heat

Solar heating can add four weeks onto pool season

Heating your swimming pool with solar energy is not only environmentally responsible but can extend the swimming season by four weeks.

A properly sized solar heating system will allow you to swim earlier in the spring and later into the fall, according to Natural Resources Canada.

Whether or not you have an existing heater, you can keep your pool warmer and open longer with free energy from the sun.

"When we open the pool in the springtime, the water is often frozen; the frame of the pool is frozen, as well as the ground around it," says Colleen Simmons, owner of Enersol Solar Products, a Campbellville-based manufacturer of solar pool

heaters.

"So to pour propane, gas or electric heat into your pool is a huge expense. If you've turned the solar on, you can heat up that mass," Simmons says.

How long it takes to heat a pool with a solar heater depends on the weather, but it's usually about two days compared to one day for a regular heater.

Simmons says pool warming costs often rival house heating bills.

Replacing a natural gas or propane heater with a solar heater could stop three to 10 tonnes of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere each swimming season, according to Natural Resources Canada.

That's almost the equivalent of what your car pro-

duces in a year. The system works when water from the pool goes through a pump and filter and then to solar panels.

The panels are 1.2 metres by three metres (four feet by

10 feet). It's best that they're installed on the roof of your house because they also gather heat from the roof and help cool it; but

they can be installed anywhere.

A sensor can tell when the panels on the roof are hotter than the pool water and then it diverts the water into the panel to gather the heat and puts it back into the pool. Simmons says pool water might circulate four to six times a day and you gain 10 C to 11 C of heat.

A system costs between \$2,500 to \$4,000, including

Solar heating costs

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Simmons says a system will pay for itself in about 18 months. (A conventional heater costs \$1,500 to \$2,000.)

One drawback, she says, is it isn't as effective on cloudy days. "It can replace a pool heater, but some people keep their heater, so if they're having a party on Friday and it's been a cloudy all week, they can still throw their heater on," Simmons says.

Chris Winter, executive director of the Conservation Council of Ontario, says anything that saves energy is good.

"It's the ecologically sound thing to do because you're minimizing the environmental impact of your pool," he says. "If you're investing in a pool, you should also invest in one of them."

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Couples Focus on challenge

Ford's feisty car put to test

Ford's new compact Focus has been remade to attract young professionals, couples and families and anyone looking for style, durability and daily utility in an economical package. Several Canadian couples representative of potential buyers were brought together to drive the new car for their evaluation for Carguide Magazine.

In a controlled environment, they practised advanced driving skills in the vehicle before taking it out on a public highway, this time in and around historic Montréal and the ski and golf resort town of Mont-Tremblant.

New exterior design, an all-new interior and improved driving dynamics, plus the industry-first Ford/Microsoft Sync system (bringing previously unheard-of levels of connectivity to the market, regardless of segment) define the new Focus.



The new Ford Focus showcases new technologies and styling mixed with a confidence-inspiring ride and reflexive handling that give it a nimbleness and fun-to-drive factor that rivals the best small cars.

Fuel economy has been improved through better aerodynamics, engine modifications and a body that weighs 45 kg less than before.

Several drivers expressed amazement at how little distance the Focus took to fully

stop on wet pavement and how the anti-lock braking allowed them to maintain steering control while forcing the brake pedal.

Generally, the applied science of the human/machine interface, called ergonomics,

scored high marks all around. The tallest of the drivers, six-foot Craig Sabine of Toronto, remarked on more-than-ample headspace in the back seat and in the front. Entry and exit was easy courtesy of large doors that open wide,



Toronto couple Caryn Schumacher and Craig Sabine.

Auto engagement

» A Toronto couple who went to Quebec to put the new 2008 Ford Focus to the test came away from the weekend engaged to be married. Caryn Schumacher, 25, and Craig Sabine, 27, were invited to be among the first Canadians to experience the re-designed and

re-engineered 2008 Ford Focus. Up with the birds at 5 a.m. on the first day of the event, Sabine, an associate at an energy consulting firm, asked Schumacher to be his co-driver for life. "There's nothing like waking up to diamonds," said Schumacher, a human resources co-ordinator.

said Zeeya Fazal of Brampton, Ont.

The Focus won kudos for comfort and performance with "just right" steering, said Fazal, who found it a breeze to zip between cones in the lane change exercise. "This

car steers wonderfully," remarked Sabine.

Significantly, all said they would recommend others to test drive the Focus when shopping for a new compact car.

BY THE EDITORS OF CARGUIDE MAGAZINE



Ford claims to have made getting in and out of its new Flex model a less messy affair.

Saying goodbye to dry cleaning

Ford Flex makes driving friendlier for dress, trousers

Ford's 2009 Flex can add another claim to its growing list of why buys: You could call it the world's first trouser- and dress-friendly vehicle.

That's good news for

everyone but dry cleaners, because the development team engineered into the Flex a concealed rocker panel (the structural component at the bottom of the door opening).

"The design is so clean and efficient that we've been able to reduce the step-in area," said Rich Gresens, chief designer for the Flex. "The

clever design minimizes your clothes' exposure to the elements. There's no sill area where dirt usually collects."

The designers stretched the width of the Flex to wrap around the sill, bringing the step-in area inboard for much easier access for passengers. In combination with the hidden rocker, the Flex

door was designed to wrap under the sill, effectively sealing out the elements.

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Beijing's essential experiences

From acrobatics to art, a guide to the must-see sites

A visit to Beijing can be daunting for the uninitiated. What you really need is advice from a local expert who can give you the lowdown on where to find the best of the Chinese capital. And who better to share her knowledge than a concierge? Here, Leigh Li, chief concierge at top Beijing hotel, The Peninsula (beijing.peninsula.com), gives her insider's tips on what to experience when you visit Beijing.

1. ACROBATIC SHOW — See the show staged at Wan Sheng Theatre in Qian Men District, one of the oldest districts in Beijing. Show starts at 7:15 p.m. daily.

2. 798 ART AREA — ICON OF CHINESE CONTEMPORARY ART — Located in the Dashanzi area, to the north-east of central Beijing, 798 is a cultural centre housed in what used to be several state-owned factories including Factory 798, which originally produced military machinery.

Artists and cultural organizations began to colonize the factory spaces in 2002, and it's now home to galleries, art centres, artists' studios, design companies, restaurants and bars as well as the new Ullens Centre for Contemporary Art.



A couple stands in a covered walkway named Long Corridor at the Summer Palace imperial garden in Beijing.

3. HUTONG TOUR — Take a ride on a bicycle-driven rickshaw through the city's historic "hutong" district, where many of the residents still live in traditional quadrangle dwellings.

4. OLYMPIC STADIUMS — Visit Beijing's newly built Olympic stadiums, including the Bird's Nest and Cube Aquatics Centre.

5. LEARN ABOUT BEIJING

HISTORY AT THE CAPITAL MUSEUM — This recently opened museum features the history of Beijing and Chinese architecture — a must for anyone who wants to know more about the capital. Open

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed every Monday).

6. EXPLORE THE GREAT WALL — China started building the Great Wall since before it was a nation. The best-known section of the Wall is Badaling in the mountains of Yanqing County.

For an alternative view, visit the Juyongguan Pass, just south of Badaling, in Changping County and a bit nearer to Beijing. The most recently restored part of the Wall, it spans one of the nine passes crossed by the Wall.

7. THE FORBIDDEN CITY — It took a million labourers and 100,000 artisans to complete the first version of this Imperial palace between 1406 and 1420, during the Ming Dynasty. The total area of the complex is 183 acres, so it takes quite a while to walk through, especially if you want to have a close look at everything. There are 999 rooms in the museum, although not all can be visited. For an aerial view over The Forbidden City, walk to the top of the Coal Hill in Jingshan Park.

8. PANJIAYUAN MARKET — The mother of all antique markets, Panjiayuan is home to 3,000 dealers who scour the countryside in search of antiques, family heirlooms and curios. This is the place to go for everything from 1930 silk qipao dresses to 1990 Qing-looking furniture

and almost everything in between. Open only on weekend mornings.

9. TEA STREET — Tea Street was originally called "Tris Street." It now houses eight wholesale markets and more than 600 tea shops selling more than 500 kinds of tea leaves. Close to West Beijing Railway Station.

10. CHILL OUT IN HOU HAI — Lotus Lane is the happening district of the Hou Hai lake area, where there are a number of small eateries and interesting bars, many with live music. There are also several shops selling art.

11. BOAT OR SKATE IN THE SUMMER PALACE — One of the best parks in the city, it was established as a retreat for emperors to escape the scorching summer heat.

Walk along the famous Long Corridor, the covered walkway that runs alongside the park's Lake Kunming — it's the longest painted corridor in the world according to the Guinness Book of World Records. Also on the shore of the lake is the Marble Boat, the lakeside pavillion where royals used to take tea.

12. FLY A KITE IN TIANANMEN SQUARE — It's easy to buy a kite in Beijing. In spring and autumn, flying a kite in Tiananmen Square is the perfect way to enjoy this traditional activity to the fullest.

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A couple stands in a covered walkway named Long Corridor at the Summer Palace imperial garden in Beijing.

who says Aces are hard to come by?



Despite increased gas and airline prices, 73 per cent of 18-24 year-olds are still finding vacations more relaxing than stressful, according to a recent survey conducted by Best Western and Kelton Research.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Border guards, unleash the dogs

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Customs officials are quick to give me the evil eye. My passport has so many transit stamps that even I admit it's starting to look a little strange. I've been to over 60 countries (many of them considered "suspect") and the total is rising rapidly.

So border guards, unleash the dogs — I am about to set off for my third adventure around the world. This time, I'll be heading out with a television crew to film season two of Word Travels (airing every Wednesday across Canada on OLN). With another 13 episodes green lit, my bags are packed — I don't think I ever really unpacked from my last adventure — and I'm gearing up for another round of passport stamps.

Word Travels follows the real lives of two young Canadian writers — Vancouver-based adventurer Robin Esrock and yours truly — to capture the warts-and-all

lifestyle that is travel journalism. We're talking the good, the bad, the hungover and the cranky. This year, our list of destinations includes Taiwan, Korea, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Romania, Ukraine, Turkey, Georgia, Belize, Mexico, British Colombia and Jamaica.

We'll be gone for the next few months, filming overseas through everything from political turmoil to the occasional surprise typhoon. But this time, I'm also looking for assistance from Metro readers. I want to find cool, unusual stories in all the destinations we're visiting, and I'm hoping to elicit your suggestions. Do you know of great places to stay, eat or party? Off-the-beaten-track spots, human interest stories or quirky sub-cultures? Things to do, things to avoid — I'm open to it all. Please contact me at editor@thetraveljunkie.ca. Now I'm off to the airport, sketchy-looking passport in hand.

Freelance writer Julia Dimon is host of Word Travels, airing on OLN. Contact her at www.thetraveljunkie.ca

Lima's no stopover town

Long considered just a stopover on the way to the famous Inca ruins at Machu Picchu, Lima has emerged as a destination spot of its own in recent years. Here's how to get the most from a weekend visit in the Peruvian capital:

friday

4 P.M. No time to lose. Get in touch with Lima's humble roots by going to the market in Chorrillos, where you can buy fish fresh off the boat. Meander around the wharf, which looks delightfully out of place in the middle of a major city.

6 P.M. Grab a coffee at Cafe Haiti (160 Avenida Diagonal, Miraflores), a cool cafe that overlooks Kennedy Park, smack in the centre of Miraflores madness. People watch as you sip your drink and ponder the cafe's slogan, printed on purple coasters: "Business and Love." Wander the side streets to look for little houses pulled straight from the nostalgic novels of Mario Vargas Llosa.

8 P.M. Take advantage of Lima's gastronomic renaissance by dining at one of the city's finest restaurants — Cala, a sophisticated seaside joint with great views of the water. It's sleek, trendy, but not in-your-face about its coolness. The menu is contemporary, specializing in seafood and fish.

saturday

9 A.M. Rise and shine. For breakfast, pop into Las Deli-



The fountain in front of the cathedral in Lima.

cias juice bar and order a drink made from one of the exotic, tropical fruits typical of the region (across the street from La Mar 770, Miraflores). Granadilla and lucuma, which locals say only grows in Peru, are classics. **11 A.M.** Grab a taxi and head downtown. Get out at Plaza Mayor and watch the changing of the guard, a bizarrely formal affair with marching toy-like soldiers. Push past the requisite horde of tennis-shoed tourists and pop your head in at the Cathedral of Lima, where Spanish conqueror Francisco Pizarro is said to have laid the first stone.

1 P.M. Walk to the San Francisco Church, known for its catacombs. Take a tour to go underground and see the dry bones and skulls of some 70,000 people, arranged in artistic circles.

3 P.M. Head to the Museum of the Inquisition to learn

about torture techniques. Waterboarding, which has come under recent attack in the United States, was a common practice at the time, especially for women, as it was considered a "kinder" way to extract information. The wax-like, human-size models leave little to the imagination. **5 P.M.** Time to relax. Head to Hotel Bolivar, the elegant, blue-velvet hotel that reigns over Plaza San Martin. Try Peru's national drink — the pisco sour, a frothy, egg, brandy concoction that packs a serious punch, but goes down smooth.

8 P.M. For dinner, head to Astrid y Gaston, the flagship restaurant of Chef Gaston Acurio. The food is excellent and Gaston is famous for turning foodies onto the gamut of Peruvian cuisine.

11 P.M. Go dancing! Head to El Dragon, a hip fusion club that attracts a young crowd. Or, slide on your fancy shoes

and go to Gotica, an upscale club in LarcoMar, the seaside mall in Miraflores.

sunday

6 A.M. Surf's up! If you are an energetic early bird, stroll down the cobblestone walkway of the Bajada Balta to the beach. Rent a surfboard and wetsuit to insulate yourself from the chilly Pacific Ocean. Brave the consistently good waves that offer some of the best surfing of any big city. Ignore the people who say the water is polluted.

10 A.M. Late risers can greet the morning by going for a leisurely walk along the ocean-front parks in Miraflores, perched atop steep cliffs. **NOON** Political buffs should hop over to the National Museum to check out the display on the Maoist Shining Path guerrillas who destabilized the country in the 1980s and 1990s before the rise of the autocratic President Alberto Fujimori, who now stands trial on charges of human rights abuses.

2 P.M. Time to shop. Head to the arts and crafts market in Miraflores to burn whatever might be left of your soles, Peru's currency. Spend time poking around the maze of small stalls to find handicrafts to take home.

4 P.M. The ruins at Huaca Pucllana are just a stones throw from downtown Lima. Explore ongoing excavations and the zoo. Finally, relax and take in the sunset with your cocktail at the striking on-site restaurant **REUTERS**

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Hilary Duff, left, has joined Winona Ryder, Jon Cryer, Sean Astin, and Chevy Chase in the cast of the Polish brothers comedy *Stay Cool*. EW.COM

Cinema's robots show soul

Machines typically had sinister aims in film roles

By RICK MCGINNIS
Metro Calgary

If there's a villain in *Wall-E*, the animated Pixar feature opening this week, it's Auto, a wheel-like robot with a very familiar red eye glowing, Cyclops-like, in the centre of its hub. You can be certain that the designers and animators at Pixar knew perfectly well that they were borrowing the single most recognizable bit of HAL, the villain of Stanley Kubrick's epochal 1968 film *2001: A Space Odyssey*.

There had been robots in movies before 2001; the most iconic were probably Gort, the muscle brought by aliens

to Earth in *The Day The Earth Stood Still*, and Robby, the bulbous robot who began his long career in 1956's *The Forbidden Planet*.

The modern era of movie sci-fi began with Kubrick's film, however, and with it a major shift in the roles of robots — from dumb machines limited to the confines of their programming to mechanisms at the dawn of consciousness, seeded with what can only be called a soul.

Pixar's *Wall-E* is just such a creature, left alone with its single programmed task for centuries, during which the cute little trash compactor develops emotions, schooled by a discarded videocassette of *Hello Dolly*. The film's bleakest joke is that *Wall-E* and his fellow robots have more personality than the adipose blobs humans have



The film's bleakest joke is that *Wall-E* and his fellow robots have more personality than the adipose blobs humans have evolved into during centuries adrift in space.

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Ever since Keir Dullea shut down HAL in 2001, in a scene where the malevolent computer evoked more bathos than any single human in the film, movies have returned again and again to robots

with either humanoid shapes or recognizably human emotions. With the exception of C3-PO in *Star Wars*, it's a general rule that humanoid robots in movies will likely have a sinister agenda — think the original Terminator, Sonny in the recent

movie adaptation of Isaac Asimov's *I, Robot*, Yul Brynner's *Gunslinger* in *Westworld* and False Maria, the striking art deco robot in Fritz Lang's *Metropolis*. Squat, diminutive robots like *Wall-E*, toddler-like in proportion and demeanor, are

inevitably benevolent — think R2-D2, Johnny Five in *Short Circuit*, and Huey, Dewey and Louie, the waddling mailboxes in the dystopic *Silent Running*.

All these movies seem to be working overtime to imagine the day when our creations attain consciousness, and humanity becomes the same sort of inattentive, negligent creator that we suspect God to be in our darker moments.

At their best, we hope they're like *Wall-E*, blessed and befuddled with our own doubts and wonder and vital but inefficient emotions. In a worst case scenario, like HAL or Auto, they pursue their programming and merciless logic and our very existence is called into doubt by newly-minted robot atheists who no longer believe in us.

McAvoy's greatest challenge with role? Eating

By STEVE GOW
for Metro Calgary

James McAvoy may be Hollywood's newest action hero but the unassuming gentleman sipping green tea while doing interviews to promote his latest film is not your prototypical power man.

He doesn't have the build of, say, *The Rock*. Nor the swagger of Jason Statham. The guy once played a half-giant in *The Chronicles of Narnia* for crying out loud! He can't really be the next big

action hero, can he?

Well, with his latest movie *Wanted*, it's about to change for James McAvoy. In the film, he plays a nervous loser who becomes an incredibly gifted fighter after he's taken in by a fraternity of "supersensory trained assassins". The film features some stunning cinematography and huge stunts, particularly one favourite of



McAvoy

McAvoy's that involved leaping from a moving car just before it got sideswiped. "There were no wires and there were no mats," brags the actor. "I always had pads of course. Lots and lots of padding."

Surprisingly, it wasn't the demanding stunts that were the most challenging aspect of making *Wanted*. McAvoy gained over 25 pounds of muscle for the part.

"I don't know how much I bulked up and I don't even know what pounds are be-

cause we use kilograms so it was like nine or ten kilograms," laughs the 29-year-old Scottish actor. "I didn't get ridiculously large at all but I put on a lot of weight for me."

In order to add that weight, the slim actor (he only weighed 137 lbs before filming) was required to do 2 months of intense training. His daily regimen included fight-training, kickboxing, weapons, weights and interval training.

"Eating," McAvoy blurts

out about what the hardest part of it all was. "Just keeping that weight on when you're doing 13 hours a day (of stunts) and then you're doing the gym at night. I had to eat like a trooper, man."

For all his hard work however, McAvoy shares no ambition to become the next great action hero. In fact, he's still perfectly happy to hang up his kickboxing gloves for a while. "We might make another one of these one day but until then, I don't think I'll go back."

» news In Brief

» **OSCARS** A diverse group of actors — including French Oscar winner Marion Cotillard and Borat star Sacha Baron Cohen — have been invited to join the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Other notable names include Oscar-winning Juno screenwriter Diablo Cody, the film's director Jason Reitman, Josh Brolin and Jet Li.

» **MUSIC** Culture Club frontman Boy George's North American summer tour is in doubt after U.S. authorities refused to issue him a visa, citing looming legal issues overseas.

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Carlin to be 1st posthumous Twain humour honouree

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts said this week it would go ahead with plans to present its Mark Twain Prize for American Humor to the late George Carlin, making him the first comedian so honoured posthumously.

Carlin, the counter-culture figure famed for his provocative stand-up routines on such subjects as profanity, drugs and the demise of humankind, died Sunday at age 71 after complaining of heart problems earlier in the day.

The Kennedy Center had only announced days before that Carlin was selected as the 11th recipient of its prestigious Mark Twain award, an honour bestowed annually at a black-tie gala tele-

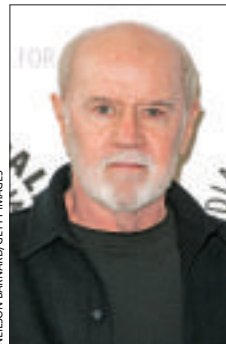
vised on the Public Broadcasting Service network PBS.

"He was thrilled that he was chosen ... and today was the day we were supposed to talk on the phone about potential guests," said Mark Krantz, an executive producer of the show.

"So he was very much into it and was already agreeing to do some press, and we were getting ready to get the nuts and bolts worked out when this terrible thing happened."

After consulting with Carlin's family and PBS, the Kennedy Center decided to go forward with the ceremony as scheduled on Nov. 10. The show, taped at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., will air on PBS at a date to be announced.

Last year's honouree was



George Carlin

actor-comedian Billy Crystal. The first in 1998, was Richard Pryor, the only other recipient who is now deceased. Others have included Whoopi Goldberg, Lily Tomlin, Bob Newhart, Steve Martin, playwright Neil Simon and Saturday Night Live pro-

ducer Lorne Michaels.

For Carlin's ceremony, producers will stick with the usual format described by Krantz as "a funny celebration of a career," with friends and peers telling stories and anecdotes and introducing clips of his work.

"He has a 50-year career to look back on," Krantz said. "He was the first host of Saturday Night Live. He did 130 Johnny Carson shows, he did 13 or more HBO specials, he's won four Grammys."

The Mark Twain prize is named for the 19th-century novelist, essayist and humorist whose given name was Samuel Clemens, author of such classics as *The Adventures Of Tom Sawyer* and *The Adventures Of Huckleberry Finn*.

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get ready for the **panda**



Actors Dustin Hoffman and Jack Black ham it up in Madrid, Spain, yesterday, where they were promoting their new film, *Kung Fu Panda*. The movie is in theatres on this side of the ocean.

comeback

Bee Gees may return to stage

MUSIC Robin Gibb has said he and brother Barry may return to the stage as The Bee Gees, five years after their brother and bandmate Maurice died. Robin Gibb told the BBC Online he is "very open" to a comeback if Barry "feels comfortable with it". Robin Gibb is preparing to release a new solo album.

people

Feldman stops Jackson rumours

ABUSE Former child star Corey Feldman has stopped rumours he was once molested by Michael Jackson — insisting the singer is innocent of abuse claims, imdb.com reports. Feldman revealed he was the victim of child abuse but it was not Jackson. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Actress Heather Locklear, right, who has been dealing with anxiety and depression, is seeking treatment for psychological issues at an Arizona facility, her publicist has confirmed.

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television

MTV video awards to return to L.A.

CEREMONY The MTV Video Music Awards, scene of a disastrous performance by Britney Spears last year, will return to Los Angeles for the first time in a decade on Sept. 7, Reuters reports.

The high-wattage event, now in its 25th year, will take place on the Paramount Pictures lot in Hollywood. Los Angeles last hosted the event in 1998. Since then, the awards have been held mostly in New York, but traveled to Miami in 2004 and 2005, and then Las Vegas last year. Last year, 7.1 million MTV viewers watched the festivities, according to Nielsen Media Research. While viewership was up from 5.8 million the year before, the numbers are a far cry from the record 12 million viewers for the 1999 version.

Some DVD sets missing something

WORDS AND MUSIC:

When the first season of WKRP in Cincinnati arrived on DVD, fans of the show were justifiably livid that almost all of the musical cues — pop songs played on-air by DJs Venus Flytrap and Johnny Fever — were missing, and that when the song was integral to something happening onscreen, the scene would be trimmed to avoid looking nonsensical in the absence of music.

The practice of removing copyrighted music is common enough that companies like Viacom/Paramount routinely include a fine print warning — “some music may have been changed” — on disc sets where music has either been excised or replaced with generic substitutes.

The DVD set of season 2 of *The Fugitive* — the '60s thriller starring David Janssen — recently hit the shelves after undergoing just such treatment, and despite the fact that the first season was released with all the original musical cues.

According to a story in *Variety* this week, the score for the second season didn't rely on a specially-composed score or public domain music, but from a mix of music by Pete Rugolo — author of the show's theme — and cues taken from a range of music libraries. Untangling the legal knots created by the show's music editor, Ken Wilhoit, forty years ago proved so daunting that Paramount simply stripped out all of the show's background music



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except for Rugolo's intro and outro credit themes, a move that fans have called “sickening,” while stating that they would be returning their purchases.

Before the dawn of the lucrative DVD business, music contracts on TV shows made no provision for royalties or rights after original runs and syndication. Today, music is negotiated with clauses that bear impressively inclusive language reserving right of

usage for “any and all media now known or hereinafter devised.”

This wasn't the case as recently as a decade ago, and profits from DVD sets have been diminished by the necessity of paying between ten and forty thousand dollars US per track — the *Variety* story recalls that licensing Motown songs for season one of *Murphy Brown* cost a million dollars, while rights issues probably means that shows like *The Wonder Years* will either hit the market with their music stripped out or not at all.

While CBS Paramount executives refrained from answering *Variety*'s queries about the *Fugitive* set in favour of a press statement explaining their actions, the editor of the web site TVShowsOnDVD.com told

the trade paper that moves like this are pushing fans into buying pirate sets, or illegal downloads, which you'd think someone in marketing or PR at Viacom would have figured out by now.

In somewhat related news, it seems that pilot episodes of two more fall shows — Steven Bochco's legal drama *Raising the Bar* and *Leverage*, a TNT show starring Timothy Hutton — hit the online file-sharing networks this week.

You'd start to think, at this point, that Hollywood woke up one morning with a newfound deathwish, and an ambition to see how quickly they can go the way of Vaudeville or the telegraph.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

in production

Cowell feature moving ahead

TRUE STORY Paramount is moving ahead on American Idol judge's Simon Cowell's movie about a rags-to-riches reality music star, ew.com reports.

The project, based on real-life opera singer Paul Potts and his last-ditch effort to make it big on Britain's *Got Talent*, has tapped writer Justin Zackham (*The Bucket List*) to pen the screenplay, and the movie has been given the title *One Chance*.

movies

Angelina Jolie eyes Sin City 2

CASTING Angelina Jolie is keen to consider a role in *Sin City 2*, imdb.com reports — claiming she is intrigued with what director Frank Miller can come up with next. The actress is a huge fan of the slick 2004 comic book adaptation, and Miller is keen to get Jolie on board. And the *Tomb Raider* star is interested in Miller's offer — because she thinks the moviemaker is a “genius.”

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critics' corner

Supernatural

“Fairy tales can come true; it can happen to you” ... but let's hope they don't involve murder. In the episode “Bedtime Stories,” Sam and Dean (Jared Padalecki, Jensen Ackles) are investigating a series of killings that are taking the form of “Snow White,” “Little Red Riding Hood” and similar stories. Sam also has a tense encounter with the Crossroad Demon (Sandra McCoy). 8 PM on SPACE 9 PM on ACCESS



Corner Gas

Aren't they a tad too big to fit in their childhood treehouse? Apparently size doesn't matter when Brent and Hank (Brent Butt, Fred Ewanick) find their old treehouse and challenge the current young occupants for possession. Elsewhere, Wanda (Nancy Robertson) makes a jailbreak, Lacey (Gabrielle Miller) tries her hand at martial arts, and Oscar (Eric Peterson) is oblivious to an old friend's romantic overtures. 12:30 PM on COM

Reba

“One is the loneliest number ...” Reba (Reba McEntire) has a surprising Christmas Eve in “Cookies for Santa.” On her own for the night, she visits a homeless shelter and meets a man (Victor Raider-Wexler) who alters her outlook in a positive way. It couldn't come at a better time, since Reba is fighting with ex-husband Brock (Christopher Rich) over which of them will buy Jake (Mitch Hollman) his very first bicycle. 7 PM on CMT

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Celebrity Buzz

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Paris dismisses puppy demand

Pet: Paris Hilton swears she's no doggy diva, People.com reports. In fact, the hotel heiress – who just wrapped her reality show, I Wanna Be Paris's New Best Friend! – took to her blog Monday to refute one tall tale currently circulating.

"I read (that I was) walking by some puppies for sale, and demanding that I be given a Yorkie puppy to be an accessory for a photo shoot," she wrote on her MySpace celebrity blog. (According to the press reports, a Melrose Avenue pet store refused to let her have the animal – making Hilton go "ballistic.")

"I wasn't looking for a new pet. I wasn't even at a photo shoot that day," Hilton insists. "Puppies are not accessories or toys and I love my own pets dearly. I treat them as if they were my children."

Hilton's new reality show includes scenes of a pet adoption shelter, she says, "to spread the word about how these animals need loving owners."

"It is sad that someone felt the need to invent a story about me throwing a fit for a dog that would 'go with my outfit,'" says the former Simple Life star (who's getting serious with boyfriend Benji Madden). "These stories have gotten out of control."

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McAvoy refuses to sell products

MOVIES Actor James McAvoy refuses to advertise products because he wants fans to concentrate on his movies – and not be side-tracked by promotions, imdb.com reports.

The Atonement star is suspicious of thespians who associate themselves with a certain brand, insisting that actors are not salesmen and he won't compromise his career to make extra money.

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Michelle mad over Heath's will

DISPUTE Heath Ledger's father, Kim, mother, Emma, and other family members are flying to the United States from Australia for the Dark Knight premiere on July 14 for what some are calling a "sort of tribute" to him – but don't expect to see his ex, Michelle Williams, or daughter, Matilda, Page-Six.com reports.

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An insider said, "Michelle is furious with Heath's family and threatening to boycott the premiere. Matilda is supposed to be the beneficiary of the will, but Michelle has seen nothing from them."

Ledger's will, made out in 2003 before Matilda was born, left everything to his father, mother and sisters.

people

MOVIES Actress Keira Knightley was happy to film a sex scene for new movie The Edge Of Love – even though the naked romp was written by her mother, imdb.com reports. Knightley's mom, Sharman Macdon-



ald, also served as a producer on the film. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Madonna, Guy to split after tour?

BREAK-UP Madonna will split from her husband Guy Ritchie at the end of her forthcoming world tour, it has been claimed.

The singer and the film director have reportedly decided to end their seven-year marriage but will not make an announce-

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ment until her Sticky and Sweet tour finishes in Mexico on Nov. 29, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

A source close to the couple old Britain's Daily Mirror newspaper: "Although the marriage is coming to an end, they don't want to say anything until the tour is over."

Celebrity brief

HEALTH Turns out Amy Winehouse's dad may be the one blowing a little smoke these days, E! News Online reports. The singer's rep is saying the 24-year-old does not have emphysema, as her father told Britain's Sunday Mirror over the weekend.

Rather, she has "early signs of what could lead to emphysema," rep Tracey Miller said Monday.

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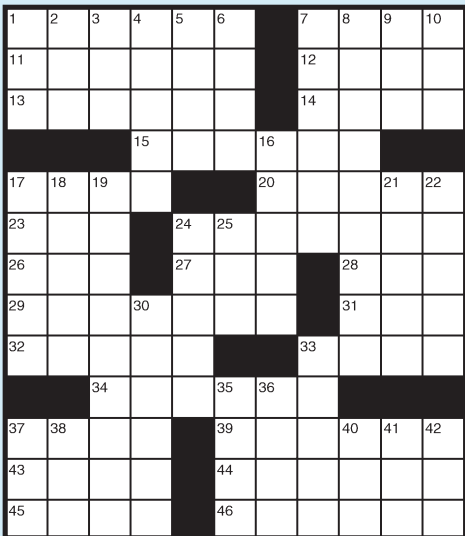
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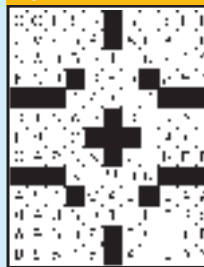
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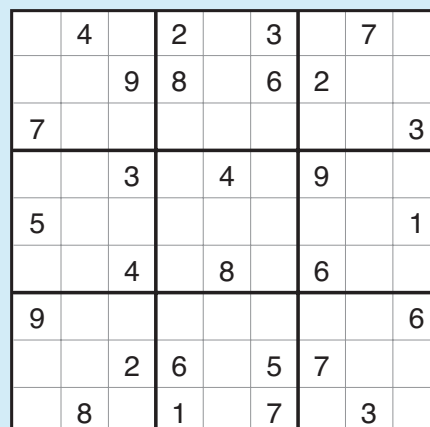
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The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

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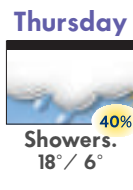
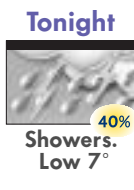
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previous answer

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Calgary weather



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Moonrise: 12:47 a.m.
Moonset: 1:03 p.m.

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ARIES | March 21-April 20

Speedy thoughts will give you a chance to catch up. Tell people if you're uncertain about something. Juggle around with a work situation.



TAURUS | April 21-May 21

Somebody will comment on a family decision. Check out holistic medicine. Important messages will make you change your plans.



GEMINI | May 22-June 21

Friends will squirm over money issues. Your idealism will bring joy. Find a private place to work, away from prying eyes.



CANCER | June 22-July 22

A powerful person may not have your best interests at heart. You may have to work overtime. Terminate unprofitable associations.



LEO | July 23-Aug. 23

Show by your kindness that you've earned respect. Someone's sincerity will be unpleasant. An oddball's play raises eyebrows.



VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22

A new object will be disappointing. Get away from your usual environment. A sweetheart will surrender to your touch.



LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23

A friend's scheme will boost your bliss. Stand back when trouble walks in the door. Taking charge will cause a predicament.



SCORPIO | Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Save time by understanding complications. Think hard before implementing a harsh plan. Run as wild and free as you can.



SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23-Dec. 21

You want to be taken care of for a change. Ask for assistance in an unstable situation. Find your way with somebody's help.



CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Brace yourself for a financial discussion. Your friends may want to gossip. Be more sophisticated if you want to appeal to the public.



AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18

There'll be a sudden insight into a lost hope. Any problems that you are facing will be overcome. Tears of joy will fall.



PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Avoid using logic in a debate. An unfamiliar woman makes a serious effort to work wonders.

AVATAR VENUS

This Day IN HISTORY

June 25, 1938: Dr. Douglas Hyde is inaugurated the first President of Ireland.

of Anne Frank is published.

June 25, 1940: France formally surrenders to Nazi Germany.

June 25, 1993: Kim Campbell is chosen as leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada and becomes the first female Prime Minister of Canada.

June 25, 1947: The Diary

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